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THE ROLE OF SMALL STATES AND TRANSNATIONAL NETWORKS

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PROGRAMME

MONDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2016

- 09.30–10.00 **Welcome and Introduction**
Michael Gehler | INZ/OeAW, IfG/University of Hildesheim
- 10.00–12.00 **Panel 1 – Austria, Switzerland and Ireland**
Chair: Michael Gehler | INZ/OeAW, IfG/University of Hildesheim
- Maximilian Graf** | Department of Contemporary History of the University of Vienna
Austria and German (Re)Unification
- Georg Kreis** | Europainstitut, Universität Basel
Switzerland and German Reunification
- Mervyn O'Driscoll** | Department of History, University College Cork
Assisting the creation of a new Europe? Ireland, 1987–1995
- 12.00–13.30 LUNCH BREAK
- 13.30–16.00 **Panel 2 – Scandinavian attitudes**
Chair: Maximilian Graf | Department of Contemporary History of the University of Vienna
- Hans Otto Frøland** | Norwegian University of Science and Technology Trondheim
Norway and German Reunification
- Thorsten Barring Olesen – Niels Wium Olesen** | Aarhus University
Denmark and German Reunification: A Delicate Balance
- Aryo Makko** | Stockholm University
The Road to Salvation? Swedish Perceptions of Europe and the Question of German Reunification
- Marjo Uutela** | University of Helsinki
Finland in the Footsteps of Germany
- 16.00–16.30 COFFEE BREAK
- 16.30–18.00 **Panel 3 – Southern European Perspectives**
Chair: Philipp Greiling | INZ/OeAW
- Andreas Stergiou** | University of Thessaly
Greece, German Reunification and the 1995 EU-Enlargement
- David Schriffel** | INZ/OeAW
Portugal and German Reunification

TUESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2016

- 09.00–11.00 **Panel 4 – Benelux**
Chair: Michael Gehler | INZ/OeAW, IfG/University of Hildesheim
- Jan van der Harst** | University of Groningen
“The irritability of a small nation with a great past.” The Netherlands and German Unification 1989–1991
- Steven Van Hecke** | KU Leuven
Belgium and its Old and New Eastern Neighbours. Walking in German Footsteps
- Siebo M. H. Janssen** | University of Cologne
The Foreign and European Politics of Luxembourg between 1988 and today
- 11.00–11.30 COFFEE BREAK
- 11.30–13.00 **Panel 5 – Transnational Party Networks**
Chair: Helmut Wohnout | Karl von Vogelsang-Institute, Vienna
- Michael Gehler** | INZ/OeAW, IfG/University of Hildesheim
The European Democrat Union and the Revolutionary Events in Central Europe
- Giovanni Bernardini** | Italian-German Historical Institute, Trento
The Socialist International and German Reunification, 1989–1992
- Followed by a final discussion**